**Community Partnerships – In and Around the Des Moines Area**

* **CultureALL** Sherry Gupta **515-273-8569**

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CULTUREALL™ is an Iowa-based non-profit organization nurturing youth to develop skill, readiness and grace in intercultural relations. A variety of educational experiences from around the world on music, food, art, storytelling, dancing, etc.

* **Global Arts Therapy** Samantha Thomas

[globalartstherapy@gmail.com](mailto:globalartstherapy@gmail.com)

Minimal cost, in-house art programming with a focus on repurposed materials.

* **Santosha Yoga** Mary Lasky, RVT 515-333-3112

[www.santoshayogadsm.com](http://www.santoshayogadsm.com)

Minimal cost, Yoga Classes for kids available in studio or at your site. Check out their web page.

* **Teachers Going Green** Martha McCormick, Education Consultant

Keep Iowa Beautiful  
 [mmccormick@teachers-going-green.com](mailto:mmccormick@teachers-going-green.com)

The Keep Iowa Beautiful educational program includes both Clean and Green for Kindergarten through 5th graders and service-learning resources for 6th through 12th grades. In addition to personal supports for teachers and afterschool programs you’ll find training materials, awards, funding opportunities and ways to give feedback.

* **Everybody Wins Iowa** Karen Ligas, Executive Director  515-277-7590   
   [statedirector@everybodywinsiowa.org](mailto:statedirector@everybodywinsiowa.org" \t "_blank)

Everybody Wins! Iowa is a literacy and mentoring non-profit organization that provides one-on-one reading experiences. Their signature program is the “Power Lunch” which matches elementary school students one-to-one with community volunteer reading mentors who visit student for an hour once a week during lunch. Volunteers talk with, read to and have students read to them The volunteers serve as role models, enhancing students' self-esteem and encouraging their success through these weekly interactions.

### Young Women’s Resource Center Becca Sloan, Program Director [(515) 244-4901](tel:+15152444901)

The Young Women’s Resource Center provides a wide variety of programs for young women between the ages of 10 and 21 that help them gain confidence in who they are, providing them with effective problem solving and coping skills so they can make informed decisions in their future. All of the Young Women’s Resource Center’s programs are voluntary, free and confidential.

* **Viva East Bank** Emily Boyd (515)262-5965

[Emilyb@chihousing.com](mailto:Emilyb@chihousing.com)

East Bank Community Programming groups are meeting and planning summer events and looking at grants to help support existing programs. Work groups that are up and running include ELL Programming, Mentorship, and School Gardens.

* **Iowa Food Corp** Marlie Wilson, State Fellow marlie.wilson@foodcorps.org

FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who connect kids to real food and help them grow up healthy. Through our partnership with AmeriCorps, place emerging leaders into limited-resource schools for a year of service implementing our three-ingredient recipe for healthy kids. Our service members provide food and nutrition education, hands-on activities like gardening and cooking, and lunch trays filled with nutritious meals from local farm.

* **ISU Extension / 4-H** Andrea Nelson, Executive Director, (515)-957-5575

[nelson@iastate.edu](mailto:nelson@iastate.edu)

A variety of program offerings and staff trainings available on Citizenship, Healthy Living, Communication and the Arts, and STEM.

* **Des Moines Art Center Outreach** Tracy Duran

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(515) 271-0347

Guided tours of the Art Center and Pappajohn Sculpture Park are available. Educator Guides are also available. Download the Educator Guides on Pappajohn Sculpture Park, History & Architecture of Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines Art Center Permanent Collections. Studio art classes and workshops are available for students of all ages. The Des Moines Art Center Scholarship fund provides children with financial need the opportunity to participate.in classes.

### Community Youth Concepts (CYC) Amy Ostrander Croll (515) 243-4292 cycconcepts.org

Community Youth Concepts ensures all youth have access to high quality opportunities that prepare them for school, work, and life. We provide volunteer service opportunities and career-based mentoring to Iowa youth in order to improve their future success as students, professionals, and active community members. Check their website for info on Staff Trainings and Youth Programs.

* **Hamilton Grief Academy** Carrie Bauer (515) 697-3666

hamiltonfuneralhome.com

Death and grief are common human experiences, even to people as young as our students. Handling these experiences tend to be different for every individual; as a result, Hamilton's Academy of Grief & Loss offers a wide variety of support, from school grief support groups, crisis response, and staff training. Free or minimal cost.

* **Junior Achievement** Brenda Dryer (515) 279-9602 ext. 215

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Junior Achievement’s volunteer-delivered, K-12 programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills. Their hands-on experiential learning curriculums help students to dream big and reach their full potential. Staff Trainings and complete curriculum packages are available free of charge.

* **Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa** (800) 342-8389 girlscoutiowa.org

The mission of Girl Scouts is to develop girls of courage, confidence, and character. Girl Scouting also contributes to academic success. In addition to troop experiences, Girl Scout of America offers a variety of curriculums for STEM, Financial Literacy, and Safe and Healthy Living (bullying and aggression).

* **Grubb YMCA** Rick Singleton 515-868-0531

[Rick.Singleton@dmymyca.org](mailto:Rick.Singleton@dmymyca.org)

The Grubb Y has it own youth development programming, but it’s still a great community partner. Talk with them about using facilities on occasion or even negotiating a special rate for your students.

* **IPTV (PBS)** Angela Hiatt, Educational Outreach (515) 242-3145 [angela.hiatt@iptv.orfg](mailto:angela.hiatt@iptv.orfg)

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